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- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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- b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

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- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 C12P13/02

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 C12P

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)
EPO-Internal, BIOSIS, FSTA, EMBASE, WPI Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	MARTÍNKOVÁ ET AL: "Nitrile- and amide-converting microbial enzymes: Stereo-, regio- and chemoselectivity" BIOCATALYSIS AND BIOTRANSFORMATION, vol. 20, 2002, pages 73-93, XP008022711 * See page 90, left column *	1
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☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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